

The patriot chieftain has found time to write a story of the invasion, printed by the Insurgents in the forests of Cuba. Read it to-morrow.

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GREECE'S KING THREATENS WAR.

"I Will Order My Troops Forward," He Says to the Journal's Special Commissioner.

If the Powers Blockade Volo, His Naval Base of Supplies, It Will Be Useless to Try to Restrain His Men.

The Monarch Denounces the Allied Nations for Their Coercion of His Country—He Expresses Gratitude to Americans.

By James Creelman.

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Patras, Greece, March 26.—King George received me again at the palace this morning. This time he uttered a kingly threat, which brings the great powers face to face with a war that will smash the Turkish Empire and turn central Europe into chaos.

"The great powers should take warning before it is too late," said the King. "The Greek nation cannot endure this state of affairs much longer, and the situation will become uncontrollable. The world has never before witnessed such a spectacle as six powerful nations, acting in the name of Christian civilization, surrounding an island with their war ships and starving a noble Christian people, whose only offence is that they have fought for their liberties. While doing this the nations are feeding and upholding their savage Turkish oppressors."

"It seems almost incredible that the egoism of the powers could lead them to outrage every principle of humanity, ignore and trample down the public sentiment of Europe and inflict slow death upon the brave Cretans. I cannot understand it."

Difficult to Control the Army.

The lines in the King's face grew hard and his big brown eyes flashed, the veins stood out with painful distinctness in his temples, his lip trembled and his voice shook with emotion.

"It is hard to restrain the natural impulse of the Greek army to vindicate the honor of their flag and advance on the Turkish forces which threaten our northern frontier," he said. "We did not send our torpedo boats and troops to Crete until the Turks threatened to send more troops to subdue the Christians in the island, and we did not send our army to the frontiers of Epirus and Macedonia until a large Turkish force threatened us there."

"Now it is said that the powers are threatening to blockade Volo, the naval base of our forces in Thessaly. It would be an infamous thing to blockade Volo while the Turkish army menaces our territory."

King George in Earnest.

"If it is done it will be useless to attempt to hold our troops back any longer, and I will order them to go forward. My mind is made up."

"There is not another people like the Greek in the world," he continued. "See how the Greeks are coming here across seas and continents, from the most distant ends of the earth, to fight for the cause of liberty and civilization."

"Those men who are marching past the palace at this moment are Greeks"

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PUGILIST OUT OF OFFICE.

Postmaster at Grafton, W. Va., Was a Principal in a Prize Fight and He Loses His Office.

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 26.—It is understood that the nomination of James W. Holt to be postmaster at Grafton, this State, will be null and void. The removal of the present incumbent has been ordered and papers for the nomination of his successor were made up yesterday at the department for transmission to the President.

It was brought to the attention of the Postmaster-General by reputable citizens of Grafton that Mr. Seven Poe, the present postmaster, had been a principal, recently in an eight-round fight in the prize ring, according to rules prescribed by the Marquis of Queensberry, and that at the end of the eighth round he pocketed a forfeit as the victor. Furthermore, it is charged that his own paper, the Leader, had published a story of the fray as evidence of the editor's disregard of public sentiment.

This, it was alleged, was in part the reason for depositing him and for the substitution of another man. Mr. Holt is the editor of the Grafton Sentinel, the leading Republican paper of this city.

ANOTHER "WORLD" FAKE.

Preposterous Story About the Queen and William Waldorf Astor Officially Denied in London.

London, March 26.—The story published by the World that the Queen is to visit William Waldorf Astor's conservatories is declared in official circles to be one of the most preposterous of the World's fakes. At Buckingham Palace it was said today that if the Queen sees the conservatories at all it will be when they are moved down to the south of France or up to Balmoral.

RICH WOMAN A THIEF?

She Is Locked Up on a Charge of Shoplifting Made by a Detective in a Sixth Avenue Store.

There is a mysterious woman prisoner in the Jefferson Market Prison. She was locked up there last night in default of \$200 bail on a charge of shoplifting. The prisoner is middle-aged and richly dressed. The woman was arrested yesterday afternoon just after she had left a Sixth Avenue dry goods store. She was taken before the superintendent of the store and searched. In an alligator bag which she carried was found a black lace cape, two pieces of silk, a silver spoon, a pair of silk stockings, a fine handkerchief and a roll of veiling.

The special officer who made the arrest followed the woman on a tour through the store. He finally summoned one of the department managers and told him of his suspicions, but the latter scouted the idea that such a respectable-looking woman was a thief.

The detective, however, continued to follow the woman. He soon reported that he had seen her take a silk cap as soon as she had left the store he picked her up and arrested. The woman denied indignantly that she had stolen anything when she was taken to the superintendent's office. She threatened to bring an action for damages for the indignity offered her.

When the prisoner was arraigned in Jefferson Market Police Court she tearfully denied the charge against her, but could not explain how she came in possession of the articles found in the bag she carried. They still bore the price tags of the firm.

The woman said her name was Mary Burns, but refused to tell where she lived. One of the clerks in the store with a well-known customer. The police say they have information that the prisoner belongs to a well-to-do family.

RICH MAN'S SON IN INSANE WARD.

McPherson Mehaffey Secretly Taken to Bellevue.

HIS FATHER'S REQUEST.

Summoned the Police to Take the Young Man to the Hospital.

KNOWN IN WALL STREET.

The Patient Is a Member of the Union Club, and Lived at the St. Cloud Hotel.

HE HAS A STRANGE DELUSION.

Thinks He Has Broken an Appointment with a Man to Whom He Was to Pay \$10,000—Entered as "John Long."

"John Long" is the name entered on the Bellevue Hospital blotter, but the patient in the insane pavilion, whose broken mind is tortured because he imagines he is late for an appointment involving the payment of \$10,000, is McPherson Mehaffey of a wealthy family, said to belong to Philadelphia.

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PLATT SEVERELY HURT.

Receives a Blow on the Temple from a Swinging Door, but the Machine Moves Right Along.

Washington, March 26.—Senator Thomas C. Platt received a painful injury in the Senate lobby this afternoon, which may put one of his eyes in mourning. He had been conversing with some New York politicians in the Marble Room and was about to return to the Senate, when the lobby door was pushed out rather vigorously by a messenger, and the edge of it struck him on the forehead.

The Senator staggered backward, but did not fall. Blood trickled from the abrasion. He retired to the Senate cloak room, where his wound was washed, but he did not leave the Capitol until adjournment. He took the accident without complaint, for it was not shown that the messenger was emerging with more rapidity than the Senatorial pace.

To-night the Senator's right temple has a large knot on it, but aside from the discomfort he is not suffering. As one of his colleagues remarked rather irreverently: "The machine is moving along all right, as if nothing had happened."

STEAMBOAT IN A COLLISION.

Current Carries a Boat Bound for New York Against a Bridge and a Crash Follows.

Troy, N. Y., March 26.—The steamer Saratoga, of the Citizens' Line, after leaving her moorings at 8 o'clock to-night for New York, was carried by the force of the current against the eastern pier of the Congress street bridge. The wheelhouse and part of the starboard side were carried away. About 100 passengers were aboard.

Mrs. Catharine Stroffolin, a steamer passenger, was thrown against a railing. She carried a six-months-old child. The child's skull was fractured and the woman's left side and head were badly cut and bruised. Leo Kempe, of New York, the bartender, was severely cut about the face and hands. The woman and child were taken to the Troy Hospital.

The Saratoga's passengers were returned to Troy and the disabled steamer was towed to a dock.

The damage to the steamer is estimated at \$50,000, and it will be several weeks before she will be put in commission.

Noted French Painter Dead.

Paris, March 26.—Edmond Charles Yon, the celebrated French painter and etcher, is dead. He was born in Paris, March 31, 1841.

STRONG'S MIND MADE UP TO SIGN.

"I Helped Make This Charter," He Said, "and Approved It. The Inference Is Easy."

Public Hearings to Be Given the Opposition, but They Will Probably Make Their Fight with the Governor.

Mayors Wurster and Gleason Will Approve the Measure. The Latter Announces His Candidacy for the Mayoralty of the Big City.

The Greater New York charter is now in the hands of the Mayors of the three municipalities to be consolidated. The certified copies were sent from Albany by express and were received by Mayor Strong, Mayor Wurster and Mayor Gleason yesterday morning. Mayors Wurster and Gleason have given

The Mayor expects to act on the charter by a week from to-day. This will enable Governor Black to have the charter in his hands a week from next Monday, and it is expected he will sign it at once. **Opposition Will Be Heard.** Those who oppose the measure will have an opportunity to state their objections

EX-MAYOR GRANT ON THE NEW CHARTER.

EDITOR of the Journal: I am inclined to agree with some of the gentlemen who made the Greater City Charter, that it is largely an experiment, and for that reason one of its first benefits will be to confer a harvest upon lawyers. When the instrument becomes law, the result, I presume, will be that taxes will be very much higher, because we shall have to improve a large part of Greater New York which is now mere farm land. Although much of that property will come under taxation at some future time, and revenue will be derived from the improvements made, the present generation will have to pay the cost and not see much of the benefit.

Now that we have the charter it behooves all parties who have the good of the city at heart to accept it and honestly try it. The next administration should be organized upon an economic basis—upon such a basis that the city's credit will be as good as it was, when we sold 2½ per cent bonds at a premium. I think the Democratic party will certainly win in the first Greater New York Mayoralty contest, if it nominates a good man with a clean record. Absolute home rule is what New York needs. I do not believe she can get it without a constitutional change. There has never been any encouragement from the Legislature on this home-rule question, and I have very little faith that the plan now before that body to make a separate State of Manhattan—or of the consolidated territory—will be accepted. In view of the large number of legislators from this city, I hope the Legislature will give the greater city at least an extended control over its own affairs, and not pass laws affecting our people without the consent of the local authorities who represent them.

There is one clause in the charter which ought to please New Yorkers. This provides for the equalization of taxes, which means that New York City will not, as heretofore, have to pay all the taxes of the State.

HUGH J. GRANT.



their assurance that they will sign the measure. As Mayor Strong was placing the bulky document in his desk yesterday, he made the significant remark: "I helped make this charter and I approved it after it was made. It isn't hard to draw an inference about whether I will now sign it, but as a public hearing is to be given, I cannot consistently declare in advance that I will sign it. If I were to make the statement there would be no use in having the hearing."

The Mayor in another interview yesterday told what Greater New York's dock facilities would be—seemingly admitting that he would do his part to bring them about.

before the Mayor in the Aldermanic Chamber at 2 o'clock next Thursday. Should the opposition want still another day, it will be granted. Then those who appear in favor of the charter will be invited to speak.

Some of the enemies of consolidation got together yesterday to formulate a plan for a final effort.

They concluded that a meeting of the anti-consolidation leaders should be held—unless something unforeseen should arise to force a change in plans—in the club house of the City Club on Tuesday evening at 8:30. James W. Pryor, secretary of the club, is to send out the invitations in about.

DAYTON SAYS HOME RULE IS YET TO COME.

POSTMASTER Charles W. Dayton—I cannot undertake now to review or criticize the new charter, but it does not bring New York any nearer to home rule. The only way to secure that is by an amendment to the Constitution such as Theodore Roosevelt presented to the Legislature in 1872. That it will be attempted by the adoption of any special legislation I very much doubt.

What we need in this city is to return to economical government. Extravagance in public expenditure has gone beyond the wildest dreams of anybody who ever studied the subject. Ten millions for this and ten millions for that, mean that the poor man as well as the rich man must pay dearly for it in the future.

I believe in public improvements; I don't believe in offering premiums out of the public treasury unless the public is to get the benefit. The charter may assist us to secure a return to a fair and economical administration.

GOOD BUT NOT PERFECT, SAYS PURROY.

EDITOR of the Journal: As will appear from what I have written and said in the past, I have been from the very beginning a warm advocate of Greater New York, and am now delighted to see the work accomplished.

There may be considerable friction and difficulty at first in getting the metropolitan government into perfect working order, but I feel sure that time will show that New York has done wisely in following out the rule of annexing the suburbs, which it itself had built up, in accordance with the practice of all progressive cities of the first class.

To my mind the charter will need amendment. For example, I do not believe in a four-headed commission for any department. But, as a whole, it will do much toward procuring better government for us, unless the people themselves make the mistake of electing next Fall officials who would prove unfaithful to their public duties.



CHARLES W. DAYTON.



HENRY D. PURROY
County Clerk



LOCAL GREEKS CELEBRATING THE DEPARTURE OF VOLUNTEERS WHO SAILED ON THE CHAMPAGNE.